

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 2, 4-20 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art of record do not teach or suggest the following invention: an inkjet recording/image forming device, comprising: a conveyance belt, a recording unit, a guide unit arranged on the inner side of the conveyance belt, wherein the guide unit includes a plurality of projecting stripes in contact with the conveyance belt and the projecting stripes are arranged in a direction perpendicular to a rolling direction of the conveyance belt, and the projecting stripes pushes a portion of the conveyance belt corresponding to the guide surface so that the pushed portion of the conveyance belt approaches the recording unit, the recording unit covers a part of the projecting stripes of the guide unit, and the projecting stripes of the guide unit are arranged on an upstream side in a direction of conveying the recording medium relative to a position facing the recording unit.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henok Legesse whose telephone number is (571) 270-1615. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - FRI, 7:30-5:00, ALT.FRI EST.TIME.

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